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¶1. (U) EconCouns and EconOff delivered reftel points on September 24 to Javier Paulinich, the Peruvian MFA's Director General for WTO Issues and International Economic Negotiations.

¶2. (SBU) Paulinich said Peru was analyzing whether it made sense to seek to join the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP). It "would help tip the balance" toward seeking accession if Japan, Australia and Vietnam also joined. Peru is seeking free trade agreements with those countries, he noted. That said, he agreed that the TPP was valuable as a high-standard agreement. He also agreed that the TPP could help in the Doha Round, although he noted that India was the problem.

¶3. (SBU) Paulinich said it would be helpful to receive more information regarding the Financial Services and Investment discussions in which the U.S. has engaged with the TPP countries.

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